of the State Government of Gujarat, an 'in principle' allocation of natural gas to the extent of 2.25 MMSCMD was made in June, 2000 for the 650MW gas based power project proposed to be set up at Pipavav in Gujarat. This allocation was effective from the year 2003, subject to the condition that the Management Committee of the Tapti Field takes investment decision for the additional development of the field. The development plan for the production of additional gas from the mid and south Tapti fields has been approved by the Management Committee of the field. The plan is currently under implementation and additional production is likely from mid 2007. PMT JV has been allowed to market their gas at market—related prices. The Pipavav project developers may like to tie-up gas from the projected additional production of PMT JV at market—related price.

(c) This Ministry had received through the Prime Minister's Office a copy of the letter dated 8.3.06 addressed to the Prime Minister by Members of the Parliament.

(d) At present, there is no increase in gas production by PMT JV. The additional gas from Tapti fields is likely to be produced from mid 2007. The Pipavav project may like to get in touch with PMT JV to tie-up their requirements at mutually agreeable terms and conditions.

Allocation of Kerosene to Kerala

2678. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total quantity of kerosene allotted to Kerala under Public Distribution System had been reduced considerably from the period 2001-02 onwards;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the total quantity of kerosene allotted to Kerala under Public Distribution System for the last five years, year-wise and category-wise;

(d) whether any representation is submitted by the competent authority of Kerala for restoring the quantity of kerosene allocation as on the period of 2001-02; and

(e) if so, the action taken on above in details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHAJ. PATEL): (a) to (c) As per the policy

adopted by the Government of India, the Kerosene (SKO) allocation for distribution for under the Public Distribution System (PDS) to various States/ Union Territories, including Kerala, was reduced every year beginning 2001-02 and upto 2004-05, taking into account the number LPG connections released in each of the State/Union Territories.

The details of the quantity of PDS SKO allocated to the State of Kerala during the period from 2001-02 to till date are as under:—

Year	Quantity (In MTs)
2001-02	2,69,497
2002-03	2,36,758
2003-04	2,24,243
2004-05	2,11,033
2005-06	2,16,308
2006-07 (April—September, 2006)	1,08,154

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Various State Governments, including Kerala Government, have requested for increase in their PDS Kerosene allocation. The matter of rationalization of allocation of PDS Kerosence among the states is under the consideration of the Government.

Exploration of gas by GSPC

†2679. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation has found huge quantity of gas and oil in Krishna-Godavari basin in Kakinada district of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, by when the commercial production of this gas and oil would begin;

(c) whether Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation has found oil and gas reserves in other parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the names of such places along with the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.